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LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 6 October 1991 from Mr. Ahmad Hussein, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, concerning the violation of the north-west borders of Iraq by four Israeli fighter aircraft.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 6 October 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, on Friday 4 October 1991, at 1049 hours (local time), four Israeli F-15 fighter aircraft, coming from Syrian airspace and flying at low altitude, crossed the north-west border of Iraq, then, climbing to an altitude of between 7,000 and 9,000 metres, overflew the region of Al-Kaïm (HI, kilometre 160, to the south of H2) and the region of Al Walid, before heading at low altitude for the region of Al Nadhayem on the Iraqi-Saudi Arabian border and entering Saudi Arabian airspace at 1119 hours.

This grave violation of Iraqi airspace by Israeli fighter aircraft, which coincides with the launching of the iniquitous campaign orchestrated by well-known international circles aimed at harming Iraq, confirms the existence of a premeditated plan, in which the roles have been assigned with great precision, the object of which is to humiliate the Iraqi people and to deprive them of their free will, in flagrant violation of the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, and confirming the bellicose and expansionist character of Israel.

In informing you of this flagrant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq, we request you to intervene and immediately to take all necessary measures to put an end to these violations, which call into question, first and foremost, the credibility of the United Nations and the role incumbent upon it of protecting the independence and territorial integrity of its Member States.

(Signed) Ahmad Hussein
The Minister for Foreign Affairs